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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

(Title of the Invention)

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ASSIGNMENT
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal.

RAMIREZ, Philip M.

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5/5/2004

Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public of the State of

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